March 28, 2007 Conference Call Summary BTF Transition Committee

Committee Charge: After reviewing previous efforts of the committee and the discussion at the March 7, 2007 meeting of the Task Force, the Committee recognizes that what is traditionally discussed as transition (school to post school) shall remain the focus of the committee but it also recognizes the Task Force's inclusion of the Expanded Core Curriculum as part of its acceptance of goal #9 of the National Agenda dealing with transition; and has chosen to focus on "secondary transition results" as well as processes. That is, to gain the ideal transition results for students, we must look at how Expanded Core Curriculum needs are incorporated into all levels of the developmental/educational spectrum of services for students who are blind/visually impaired. In short, it is not just something which needs to be attended to the last few years of high school.

FOCUS: Secondary Transition (school to post school) with an emphasis on the incorporation of the Expanded Core Curriculum into the full course of developmental/educational services (birth through high school) to achieve better results.

The Committee then discussed resources, and Kent will forward the material on Community-Based Vocational Education currently being reviewed by the RSB Transition Committee. Ella will find materials she has reviewed earlier and share them with the Committee, and Jan will provide website links for the Committee to review. Kent will also ask Barb Gilpin of DESE to identify any "best practices" already underway in Missouri so the Committee might review such.

The committee will examine several documents and resources over the next month with this focus in mind, and again meet by conference call on May 2, 2007 at 3:15 PM.